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Approved For Release 2003/06/18: CIA-RDP80B01676R002700Q40011-9 11-3285/a Col. Edwin F. Black Operations Coordinating Board Weshington 25, D. C. Dear Ed: 25X1 I very much appreciate your letter of April 15 inviting to my attention. 25X1 I know an fully conversant with his background and qualifications and have in fact given careful consideration to utilizing his capabilities here on previous occasions. At the present time I am actually in process of cutting down gradually on our over-all personnel strength. Hence, except for clerical replacements, we are hiring very little. We do take on a few bright young men at the junior professional level or an occasional individual with unique qualifications in some particular field but this is about all. We have followed a policy of bringing our people up through the ranks here and are now well, staffed with competent personnel at the senior levels. As a result, I just don't find a suitable spot for commensurate with his grade is which we could really utilize him advantageously. With best wishes. Faithfully yours. SIGNED Allen W. Dulles Director O/DCI/ rad 17 Apr 59 Distribution: Orig - Addressee **≠**1 -DCI D/PERS w/cpy basic 1 -FMC 1 -ER w/basic (EXECUTIVE PROPERTY FILE 6 /5

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